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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS LETTER OF INTENT

As representatives of the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Delta community, we appreciate the important role our complex region plays for the state. The Delta is the confluence of cultures, economies, ecosystems, politics, and dependencies. A vast, statewide population relies on our communities and citizens. Unfortunately, catastrophic natural and subsequent human disaster could happen at any time and any place in the Delta from flood and/or seismic related levee failures. Therefore:

Whereas the risks and complexity of the Delta demand unique, innovative, and unified methods to respond to emergencies in a nimble and effective manner,

Whereas recent local, national, and international catastrophic events offer tangible examples of social risks, uncertainty, and the challenges to coordinate and serve citizens during a crisis,

Whereas coordinated education is essential to prepare Delta citizens to help themselves in the early stages of a crisis,

Whereas the economic well-being of Delta communities depends on an ability to be and appear sustainable, even in light of catastrophic threats,

Whereas, regional problem solving needs to address and respect local jurisdictions, offering options to communities that want choices, and autonomy to communities that do not,

Whereas ‘Flood fighting’ is a critical physical component of emergency response however, the Delta needs equivalent methods to address the social aspects of a flood crisis,

The _____ of the _____ of _____ commit to our local citizens and neighbors our intent to participate in joint efforts of Delta-wide benefit relative to emergency preparedness and response, and to further participate as warranted and feasible in the pursuit of associated funding opportunities to address these issues.

Signed: _____

Date: _____